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SUBJ: AZIZ AHMAD VISITS IRAN

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. AZIZ AHMAD, PAKISTAN'S MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS, PAID UNOFFICIAL THREE-DAY VISIT TO TEHRAN EN ROUTE HOME FROM PARIS CONFERENCE. AHMAD, WHO TOLD PRESS HE HAD BEEN ASKED TO MAKE STOPOVER BY BHUTTO, HAD PRIVATE AUDIENCE WITH SHAH DECEMBER 20 AND ALSO MET WITH MIN ECON AFFAIRS AND FINANCE ANSARY AND FONMIN KHALATBARY. IN INTERVIEWS WITH PRESS AND RADIO REPORTERS, HE DECLINED TO DISCUSS DETAILS OF HIS MEETINGS HERE BUT COMMENTED ON WIDE RANGE OF INTERNATIONAL TOPICS OF CONCERN TO PAKISTAN, INCLUDING STATE OF HIS COUNTRY'S RELATIONS WITH INDIA, AFGHANISTAN AND BANGLADESH. HE SAID IRAN, TURKEY AND PAKISTAN INTENDED TO ESTABLISH MODEST JOINT ARMAMENTS INDUSTRY TO PRODUCE SOME MILITARY ITEMS NOW OBTAINED FROM WEST AT VERY HIGH COST. ASKED FOR PAKNSTAN'S VIEWS ON POSSIBLE CONVENING OF ISLAMIC CONFERENCE ON CRISIS IN LEBANON, AHMAD REPLIED THAT IF SUCH A CONFERENCE WERE HELD IT SHOULD NOT JUST ISSUE EMPTY RESOLUTIONS BUT SHOULD TAKE ACTIONS TO RESTORE PEACE AND TRANQUILITY IN THE AREA. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. HEAD OF MFA SOUTH ASIA DEPARTMENT

PANAHY TOLD POLCOUNS DEC 23 THAT DURING VISIT AGREEMAFT HAD BEEN REACHED ON NEW 150 MILLION DOLLAR SOFT LOAN IN ADDITION TO \$650 MILLION IN IRANIAN ASSISTANCE ALREADY COMMITTED. DIRGEN OF FOREIGN LOANS IN MIN ECON AFFAIRS AND FINANCE, HOWEVER, KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT IT BUT ADMITS HE WOULD NOT NECESSARILY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN DECISION TO GRANT NEW CREDIT.

3. WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM REPORT THAT AHMAD ALSO MET WITH GENERAL TOUFANIAN, VICE MINISTER OF WAR FOR ARMAMENTS, WITH WHOM HE MAY HAVE DISCUSSED PAK MILITARY HARDWARE SHOPPING LIST.

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